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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, NI

SUBJECT:CIVAIR: US-FMG CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT

REF: (A) LAGOS 8791, (B) STATE 178054 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPT DISAPPOINTED THAT NIGERIANS APPEAR TO BE KEEPING  
ISSUE AT A LOWER LEVEL RATHER THAN VIEWING MATTER IN  
BROADER CONTEXT. DEPT HOPES THAT NOW AMBASSADOR WOULD  
HAVE CONTACT WITH THE ACTING FONMIN HIMSELF IN ORDER TO  
ESTABLISH PARAMETERS, AS THE USG SEES THEM, AND TO GAIN  
AGREEMENT FOR FMG TOP LEVEL PRESSURE ON NIGERIAN AIRWAYS  
MANAGEMENT. IT IS HOPED THAT WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO BE  
AMENABLE TO CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH PAN AMERICAN,  
NIGERIAN AIRWAYS MANAGEMENT WILL SINCERELY ATTEMPT TO  
COME TO GRASP WITH THE PROBLEM. THE INFORMATION CON-  
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TAINED IN REFTEL B IS THE ONLY DETAIL PAN AM HAS DEVELOPED  
AT THE MOMENT SINCE, NOT UNTIL IT MEETS WITH NIGERIAN  
AIRWAYS MANAGEMENT AND DETERMINES EXACTLY WHAT THE ENTIRE  
PROBLEM IS, CAN IT PREPARE A MORE SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION.

2. FMG'S RELUCTANCE TO ABIDE BY THE AGREEMENT IS CAUSING  
THE DEPT CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY. PAN AM'S INTRODUCTION

OF THE 747 TO AFRICA WAS EXPLICITLY POINTED OUT PRIOR TO  
AND DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS LAST FALL. PAN AMERICAN IS  
REPLACING ITS 707 FLEET WITH 747'S AROUND THE WORLD AND

AFRICA IS THE NEXT SCHEDULED AREA FOR THIS PROGRAM.  
IF NIGERIA PREVENTS IMPLEMENTATION, PAN AM'S WHOLE  
AFRICAN OPERATION WILL BE JEOPARDIZED. THEREFORE, IT  
IS IMPORTANT FOR PAA OFFICIALS TO TALK TO NIGERIAN  
AIRWAYS MANAGEMENT IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE BASIC PROBLEMS  
AND THE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. HOWEVER, UNLESS NIGERIAN  
AIRWAYS IS PRODDED FROM HIGHER FMG POLITICAL ELEMENTS, A  
MORE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE EVIDENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. THE DEPT SUGGESTS THE AMBASSADOR  
SHOULD CALL ON THE ACTING FONMIN TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE  
OF RESOLVING THIS MATTER AND ADHERING TO THE PURPOSES OF  
THE AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS TO URGE THAT PAN AM BE GIVEN A  
SYMPATHETIC HEARING IN ITS DESIRE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER  
DIRECTLY WITH NIGERIAN AIRWAYS. IF AFTER THIS MEETING  
THE CIVIL AVIATION PERM SEC IS STILL THE ONLY AVIATION  
OFFICIAL WITH WHOM THE AMBASSADOR CAN SPEAK, IT IS  
HOPED THAT THE PRIOR MEETING WITH THE ACTING FONMIN  
WILL PERSUADE HIM TO FACILITATE THE PAN AM-NIGERIAN  
AIRWAYS MEETING. ONCE PAN AMERICAN DISCUSSES THE PROBLEM  
WITH NIGERIAN AIRWAYS AND DIGESTS THE INFORMATION RECEIVED  
THEY MIGHT THEN BE ABLE TO DETERMINE SOME SOLUTION TO BEST  
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